(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Replies to the suggestions made in the Report have been sent to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implemented a number of Plan Schemes during the Eighth Plan Period which are aimed at boosting exports and some Plan Schemes for generating employment in rural areas.

In the above context, it may also be mentioned that the Ministry propose to assist setting up of 50 food processing training centres during the year 1994-95.

बिहार में कच्चे फलों संबंधी उद्योग स्थापित किया जाना

185. **श्री जनार्दन यादव :** क्या **खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में कच्चे फलों पर आधारित कितने उद्योग स्थापित किए गए हैं ;

(ख) क्या बिहार के भागलपुर जिले में केला और पपीता उद्योग स्थापित करने की कोई योजना है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्रीतरुण गोगोई) : (क) बिहार में फल उत्पाद आदेश, 1955 के तहत लाइसेंस प्राप्त 21 यूनिटें/उद्योग हैं जो प्रसंस्करण के लिए कच्चे फलों का इस्तेमाल करते हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) मंत्रालय ने राज्य सरकार के उपक्रमों, संयक्त क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों, सहकारी क्षेत्र, स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियों, निजी क्षेत्र आदि जैसे विभिन्न संगठनों को फल तथा सब्जी प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना/अपग्रेडिंग तथा ग्रामीण खाद्य प्रसंस्करण प्रशिक्षण केन्द्रों की स्थापना के लिए सहायता उपलब्ध कराने के वास्ते विभिन्न विकास स्कीमें तैयार की हैं । भागलपुर जिले में ऐसे यूनिट/केन्द्र स्थापित करने हेतु सहायता के लिए कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

New Food Processing Policy

186. SRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that Government have been considering to lay down a new food processing Policy;

(b) if so, what are the broad lines;

(c) whether a draft Policy has since been prepared, if so, the broad features thereof; and

(d) by when the policy is likely to be declared and whether the same would be brought before Parliament for its approval, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Ministry has prepared a framework for developing national policy on food processing industries and is now taking steps to hold consultation with sister Minjsries, State governments and others for early finalisation of it. The policy is to address the issues or accelerated development of food processing indusries with a view to augment

employment opportunities and income both in the rural and urban areas, reduce post-harvest losses, establish productive linkage between the industry and the farmers, increase export of processed food and generally support productive efforts of agricultural and allied activities.

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187. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee headed by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan has submitted a draft report on National Population Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the highlights of the reports and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While dealing with the entire gamut of population issues the Committee has made among others the following major recommendations:

(i) Integration of gander equity in Plan for health and family welfare.

(ii) Creation of an enabling environment and empowerment mechanism to accelerate the march towards goal of population stabilisation, by achieving a Total Fertiliy Rate of 2.1 by the year 2010.

(iii) Speedy and effective implementation of the minimum Needs Programme.

(iv) Provision of maternal and child health and family planning services based on informed chice.

(v) Involvement of Panchayati Raj and Municipal instiutions for achieving population stabilisation.

(vi) Creation of Population and social Development Fund or filling the critical gaps in implementation.

(vii) Constitution of Population and Social Development Commission for implementng population stabilisation Programmes through inter-sectoral convergance.

The report of the Committee was received on 24th May 1994. The Report has been tabled in the Rajya Sabha on 14th June, 1994 Consultations with the States/UTs and other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India have been initiated.

Complaints regarding humiliation of SC/ST staff in CGHS

188. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will he Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received in CGHS Headquarters, Delhi recently for harassing an humiliating staff belonging to SC/ST in the matter of appointment of Homoeopathic Pharmacists and other categories;

(b) if so, the designation of staff responsible for these complaints;

(c) whether any action has been taken against those found guilty in this matter;

(d) if so, the details thereo ; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Nil.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.